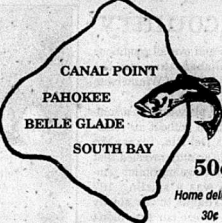


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News Briefs

Revival at St. John's
Revival services will start at 7:30 p.m. each evening, Aug. 28 through Sept. 1 at St. John First Baptist Church, 600 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. A pre-revival prayer service is planned at the church Aug. 21 through Aug. 25. The pastor of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Albert Phillips, of Sarasota, will preach. Rev. J.B. Adams, pastor of St. John First Baptist Church, invites members of the community to attend these services.

Swimming lessons
Swimming lessons will be offered at Lake Shore Municipal Pool beginning this week. A certified swim instructor will teach swimming lessons to children age three years old and up. For more information, call the Recreation Department at the City of Belle Glade, 996-0100, or Lake Shore Pool at 996-3861.

Mental Health Golf Tournament is coming. The West County Mental Health Clinic is hosting its 8th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Children's Mental Health Services. The event will be at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course on Saturday, Sept. 23. The proceeds from these tournaments are used to benefit the children in the Glades. To participate, or to be a sponsor, call the West County Mental Health Clinic at 992-1330.

Give-away planned
School supplies will be given to area school children at the School of Choice in Pahokee Aug. 19 from noon to 2 p.m. This activity is sponsored by Carolyn Jackson Brown and family and the Glades Ebony Ladies Club. Children will model the latest back-to-school fashion. Refreshments will be served.

Concert planned
The Ambassadors for Christ quartet, a newly formed group from Okeechobee, will present a concert at the Pahokee Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. the group will sing again. The community is invited to attend the services. For further information, call Pastor Dever at 924-7998 or 924-2587.

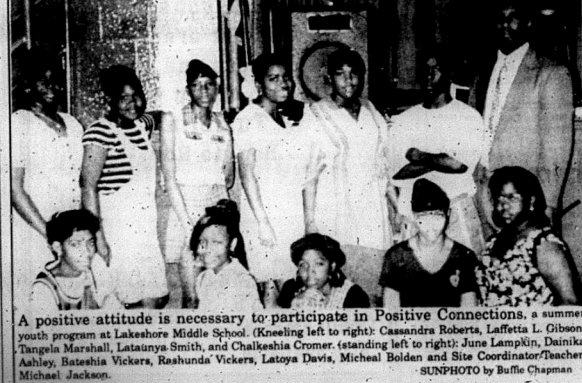
Fun Day
The annual Fun Day and school supply drive sponsored by Men On the Serious Side (MOSS) will be Aug. 19 at Pioneer Park from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The group is looking for donations of school supplies from local businesses and individuals. To make a donation, call Otis Browning, 996-4310; Willie Bryant, 996-9631; Nelson Stark, 924-3332, or Mack Cromer, 996-7849. There will be a football throw, three-legged race, 40-yard dash, basketball, sack races, a balloon toss, hula hoop contest, and a tug-of-war.



What's so special about this cashier?...She was just named "Favorite Cashier of the Year" for the Winn-Dixie store in Belle Glade. Iris Jackson has been a cashier at the local store for almost 10 years. Her boss, Dionisio Rodriguez said he nominated her for the award because she is always friendly, helpful, and courteous to the customers. Iris received a luncheon in her honor, an award pin and a \$25 Winn-Dixie gift certificate. SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

15-year-old shoots brother with handgun
An 11-year-old Pahokee boy who was shot in the lower chest by his 15-year-old brother, Wednesday, Aug. 9, is in fair but stable condition in the pediatric center at St. Mary's Hospital. Rashon Jordan, 11, and brother Terrence Scott, 15, had gone into their older brother's bedroom to play, which is where they found the 9mm semiautomatic handgun. The handgun belongs to Willie Scott, 24, said sheriff deputies. Detectives say they don't know whether any adults were home at the time, and they wouldn't say Thursday whether the gun was properly secured. Under state law, loaded firearms must be kept in a locked box or container, secured with a trigger lock or stored in a secure place if children younger than 16 are present. A person who doesn't follow those requirements can face felony charges and up to five years in jail if the gun is used by a minor to kill or injure himself or someone else. After the shooting, Terrence was taken to the Pahokee police station for questioning and Rashon was taken by helicopter to St. Mary's Medical Center, where he was in serious but stable condition. The family had moved to Pahokee from South Bay less than a month ago, neighbors said. The boy's mother, Hazel Scott, could not be reached on Thursday. State laws require that when a minor is accidentally shot by another family member, no arrest on negligence charges can be made for at least seven days to allow families time to grieve.

Possibly last summer for Positive Connections
By Biffie Chapman Staff Writer
A summer program designed to help youth gain employment skills may close after this year. Lake Shore Middle School (one of three sites) was host to an awards ceremony and performance last Friday, given by the Positive Connection's members with help from faculty. Positive Connections, a summer youth program for students ages 14-15, focuses on all aspects of life-like situations in learning to find jobs. Unfortunately, this may be the last year for the program. Cuts in the federal budget have made funds insufficient to keep the program going. Although the number of students are down from previous years, the school is working on possibly cutting expenses to maintain running the program next summer. School officials are hopeful alternative funding can be found. Approximately 72 students participated in the school/work program this year at Lake Shore Middle School. Students who participate in Positive Connections attend school between 7 a.m. and noon and are then transported to their jobs between noon and 1 p.m., where they work until 5 p.m., five days a week. "Breakfast and lunch are served to the students by the school," said Guidance Counselor Cora Edwards. The School Board provides the school site and personnel; the Private Industry Council provides the paychecks and several local non-profit organizations provide jobs for the students. This is a six week program and students go through a two month screening process prior to entering. If a child has to attend summer school, the Positive Connections program is an option. Students are taught to have a positive attitude, skills such as: how to search for jobs in the classifieds of a newspaper; how to present themselves at an interview; how to dress successfully; how to calculate hours worked, etc. The Positive Connections title has been in effect for the past five years. "Positive Connections allows students to gain the credits they need for summer school while also working. This program encourages students who otherwise would not attend school in the summer, because of the need to work, to attend summer school in an effort to gain the credits, they need to pass their classes, while also earning an income," said Guidance Counselor Cora Edwards. "The area children depend greatly on this Positive Connections program, especially those families who work seasonally, because the children's income, helps supplement parent's income, during the summer months. The children also rely on their income, to purchase school clothes and school supplies for the coming year of school," said Site Coordinator/Teacher Michael Jackson. The day held speeches, a solo, a fashion show and an awards ceremony which gave trophies to the most outstanding students and certificates to every member of the Positive Connections participants, including faculty who helped with the program this summer. The parents who attended the ceremony were also recognized for being so supportive.



A positive attitude is necessary to participate in Positive Connections, a summer youth program at Lakeshore Middle School. (Kneeling left to right: Cassandra Roberts, Laffetta L. Gibson, Tangelia Marshall, Latanya Smith, and Chalkesia Cromer. Standing left to right: June Lampkin, Dainika Ashley, Bateshia Vickers, Rashunda Vickers, Latoya Davis, Michael Bolden and Site Coordinator/Teacher, Michael Jackson. SUNPHOTO by Biffie Chapman

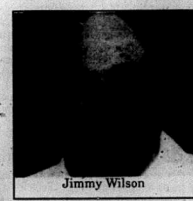
Youngster drowns in pool after scaling security fence

By Brenda Bunting Editor
An eleven-year-old boy drowned Saturday afternoon in Lake Shore Municipal Swimming Pool after he scaled the fence after hours to go swimming. France Genee Fortin and another 9-year-old boy whose name has not been released, jumped the 8-foot fence around the pool after the pool closed at 3:30 p.m. Once inside the fence, Fortin and the other juvenile disrobed and jumped into the deep end of the pool. When Fortin failed to surface, the other juvenile ran for help. Lt. Jack Fuluwider with the Belle Glade Police Department said four other boys jumped the fence to help Fortin when they saw he was in trouble and when rescue workers arrived about 5:30 p.m., nearby residents were attempting to revive the boy. En route to Glades General Hospital paramedics continued to do CPR, but Fortin was pronounced dead at Glades General. The 9-year-old told police he and Fortin had gone into the pool to retrieve a dollar bill he had left at the pool. Lt. Fuluwider said the 9-year-old went back into the closed pool the next day and was charged with two counts of burglary to a structure. The boy was in foster care and has been taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in West Palm Beach. City Recreation Coordinator J.D. Patrick said he feels terrible about France Fortin's death. "It's so scary. I haven't slept in three days. I feel responsible for these kids," he said.

Officer fired; faces charges of lewd assault

Travis Hooker, 20, told investigators he didn't know he was breaking the law by living with a 14-year-old minor. He was fired from the Belle Glade Police Department when his superiors found out. Hooker faces charges of lewd assault after officials discovered he was living with a 14-year-old girl in her mother's house. Hooker began living with the girl in her mother's home two months ago (with her mother's consent), say investigators. Belle Glade Police Lt. Jack Fuluwider said an anonymous caller contacted the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services through an abuse hot line. HRS then notified the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and they started investigating. "At the time he (Hooker) was informing me about it, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office was calling our department on the other phone," Fuluwider said. Under the law, a child under 16 is not able to consent to a sexual relationship. Because Hooker was still on probation as an officer (after three weeks in the department), Belle Glade police fired him without investigating. The facts were strong enough and severe enough to warrant termination right then," Fuluwider said. Personnel records show that Hooker first applied to the department in December 1994. Belle Glade officials agreed to sponsor him at the Palm Beach Community College police academy and hired him on July 12. During the few weeks he served as a police officer, Hooker's performance was satisfactory, Fuluwider said. HRS officials could not comment on the case because of confidentiality laws. Such a case would result in the department investigating neglect on the part of the girl's mother and then make recommendations which could include putting the girl in shelter care and counseling, said HRS spokeswoman Beth Owen.

Well-known produce salesman dies after extended illness



Jimmy Wilson

James H. "Jimmy" Wilson, longtime Pahokee resident and a prominent produce salesman in the Glades died Wednesday, Aug. 9 in Palm West Hospital. Mr. Wilson, age 77, was a native of Rockwood, Tennessee but moved in 1937 from Nashville, Tennessee to make Pahokee his home. He was associated with Pioneer Growers, Belle Glade for 36 years and then with Lester Towell Distributors and Fantastic Produce for 10 years. His son, James Wilson, Jr. said "Dad loved the people of the Glades and was well-known. He had so many friends here we were afraid to list honorary pallbearers in fear we would leave someone out." Mr. Wilson was recognized by the Glades Sales Association in 1983 for "Dedicated Service in the Produce Industry," and in 1991 was presented a Life Time Achievement Award from the Glades Sales Association "For Dedicated Service to the Produce Industry in and around the Glades Produce Growing Area." Active in the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, he was named Permanent Chairman in 1970 of the FFVA Golf Tournament Committee. Long active in the community, he served for many years as a volunteer fireman with the Pahokee Fire Department and from 1944 to 1969 was an active volunteer and booster of the Pahokee High School Blue Devils Football Team. He was a member of Pahokee Lodge No. 1638, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. Mr. Wilson was born on March 23, 1918, son of the late Charles L. and Ella Mae Dowdy Wilson. He was married on June 3, 1938 to Mable "Mutt" Padgett Wilson who preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 1991. Survivors include one son, James H. Wilson, Jr. of Pahokee, two daughters, Kathy and son-in-law Wayne Browning of Moore Haven; and daughter Alice Joy Wilson of Parrish, FL; one brother, Don O. Wilson of Lake Worth; sister Edna See Mr. Wilson, Page 3

The worst heat index in the country



By Mike Lyons

Horses' sweat, men perspire and women glow. The first time I heard that expression was years ago from my younger sister. It was a particularly hot day in Ohio and I noticed she was sweating. "Horses' sweat," she corrected me. "Men perspire but women glow."

My sister lives in Chicago now where she has been glowing a lot lately. The second heat wave of summer hit, Chicago along with most of the country last week. The temperature reached the 100 degree mark in many locations. Parts of the southwestern United States saw the mercury climb to an unbelievable 125 degrees.

Yet, it's not just the temperature it's the humidity, too. The heat index, which is a measure of the temperature and the humidity, topped 115 degrees across the country last week.

Hot temperatures and high humidity are a foregone conclusion during the summer in Florida. Each day the forecast is pretty much the same: hot, humid with a chance of rain.

Yet, we seem to weather the heat much easier than our friends up north. Perhaps, our bodies become accustomed to warmer

weather or maybe psychologically we deal with the heat better. After all, we expect it to be hot.

Blake Gumprecht expected it to be hot during the summer he attended graduate school in southern Louisiana. Yet, he was unprepared for Louisiana's infamous heat and humidity.

"I couldn't sleep," he recalled. "My cat became a mass of matted fur. Flying roaches four inches long scurried across the floor. Books warped from the humidity." Obviously, Mr. Gumprecht's living quarters had not been included in one of the 20th century's most important discoveries: air conditioning.

As he sweated away the summer Mr. Gumprecht began to wonder if anyone could be more uncomfortable than southern Louisiana. "Certainly there are cities with greater temperature extremes than Baton Rouge," he said. "Yet, with an elevation near sea level and relative humidity that approaches 100 percent daily, I couldn't imagine a worse place to be without air conditioning."

To see if he was right Mr. Gumprecht decided to compile his own list with the worst combination of daytime and nighttime heat and humidity. To his surprise Baton Rouge didn't even make the list but many places in Florida did.

Mr. Gumprecht examined the weather in 100 U.S. cities. He looked at each city's temperature, humidity, heat index, wind speed and many other variables. He compiled his results into three categories: the worst daytime,

nighttime and overall conditions and published them in the April/May edition of Weatherwise magazine.

The worst place to be on a summer afternoon without air conditioning is Del Rio, Texas. Mr. Gumprecht's study revealed that Del Rio's average maximum temperature was a sizzling 107 degrees. Thanks to our steady afternoon breeze our area didn't make the top ten. However, Orlando was rated seventh on the list while, Tampa placed tenth.

Florida cities didn't fare as well when the sun goes down. In his study of the worst nighttime conditions, Mr. Gumprecht discovered that the hottest cities at night are coastal communities, especially those near the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.

"Flanked by the Gulf and the Atlantic, Key West has the most uncomfortable combination of temperature and humidity in the United States," Mr. Gumprecht said. Our area was second, Tampa was fourth and Orlando ranked fifth.

When he compared all the weather factors to determine the worst overall location neither Key West nor Del Rio were ranked number one. "The worst place in the U.S. in the summertime is Corpus Christi, Texas," Mr. Gumprecht said. In fact, five out of the ten most uncomfortable cities are in Texas. Our area ranked fourth on his list.

Horses' sweat, men perspire and women glow. Not in Florida. Everybody here just sweats.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WPBF Channel 25.



Lake Shore Middle School faculty that helped with the Positive Connection group this summer are pictured left to right (front row): Dawn Ewan, Mayte Trammell, Quanda Jasper, Mrs. Jories, Gloria Whitely, Cora Edwards, Bertel Williams, Michael Jackson, (back row): Gloria Davis-Williams, Vernita Moore, Steve Jackson, Arthur Eve, Ruby Smith, Michael Hannah.

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organs of his body. Cancer is a group of more than 100 DIFFERENT diseases. It occurs when cells become abnormal, keep dividing and form more cells without control or order. If left untreated, the cancer cells eventually invade healthy tissue.

In most cases, the sooner cancer is diagnosed and treated, the better one's chances for a full recovery. You can help safeguard your health by having regular medical checkups and learning the early warning signs of cancer: In the lung: a cough that won't go away, coughing up blood or shortness of breath. In the breast: A lump or thickness, or discharge from a nipple. In the colon/rectum: changes in bowel habits, blood in the stool, bleeding from the rectum. In the prostate: Men who have diffi-

culty or pain while urinating, the need to urinate often, especially at night.

In the uterus/ovary: Women who bleed after menopause, swelling of the abdomen, pain with intercourse.

If you have these symptoms, talk to your doctor and help prevent cancer by making changes in your daily lifestyle such as not smoking, eating less fat and more high fiber food, etc. A good source for additional information about cancer, in the Cancer Information Center: 1-800-4-CANCER.

With all the current research being conducted, hopefully we will one day be able to eradicate this horrible disease. We should not let fear keep us from finding out what we can do about the symptoms and other early warning signs. Don't hesitate to seek the opinion of more than one doctor before you begin any treatment, for cancer, or any other disease... that's why insurance companies like the phrase "second opinion."

On a more personal note, I want to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have taken the time to stop in the grocery store, the post office, and the gas station; to those who have picked up the telephone to call me; to those who have written to tell me how much they enjoy the articles I've written for a year and a half now. It means so much to hear the good things. I even enjoyed the man from Glades County who couldn't understand why on earth I had written the article about stress management. His solution to stress was to go fishing. He felt no need to read an article suggesting anything else! That's OK, he's surely entitled to his opinion, but not every one like to fish! If anyone has suggestions for future columns, they may contact me at 407-996-2080. I would really appreciate the ideas!

Until next time, stay informed and stay healthy.

Registration for Canal Point 1995-96 school year

Canal Point Elementary School registration for new and returning students for the 1996 school year will be on August 17, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. *All students entering kindergarten and students new to Palm Beach County Schools must present:

1. Proof of Immunization; 2. Physical including a tuberculosis test (TB); 3. A valid birth certificate; 4. Proof of residence; 5. Social Security number (wherever possible). *All students entering kindergarten and second grade must now have a second measles shot (MMR). *All students entering sixth grade must have a physical including a tuberculosis test (TB). *Acceptable proof of residency includes bill, water bill, telephone bill or rent receipt.

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Linda's Place Linda Lora, Owner

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Whether you're looking for lunch or dinner, you won't be disappointed. Their family-style dining fare, huge portions and scrumptious food keep patrons coming back for more. Their menu runs the gamut from crisp garden salads, fresh seafood, chicken and beef dinners to mountain-high sandwiches and homemade soups. If you have a sweet tooth, check out the array of taste tempting desserts that no man can resist!

The service at Linda's Place is also impressive. Friendly waiters and waitresses appreciate your business, and do all they can to ensure your meal is none other than exceptional. So bring on the big appetites. Dine at Linda's Place today, where the food, prices and service are all first rate!

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Public accounting, as well as many other aspects of our present society, has changed dramatically in the last decade. A good accountant must now be many things to his or her client—a management adviser, a business consultant, a financial planner and an investment counselor—in addition to providing the traditional audit, accounting and tax services.

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Ray Mullis, Branch Manager

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Committee gearing up for fourth annual American Heart Association "Heart Walk"

Belle Glade's fourth annual American Heart Walk will be Oct. 14 at the Belle Glade Marina.

Volunteers, led by Chairman Lee Sutterfield, met recently at the Drawbridge Cafe to plan this fun event. Health snacks were served to the group courtesy of the Drawbridge management.

Proceeds from the Heart Walk benefit many local health benefits awareness activities and contribute to research costs.

This year's walk plans are

well under way. Committee members and industry leaders will continue to meet regularly to make this event successful.

Two years ago this walk attracted state and national attention because of the money raised for local capital.

As is well known, the Glades' area residents possess high risk characteristics for the development of heart disease. Two of the major contributors to the development of heart disease are blood cholesterol (a saturated fat which tends to coat the walls of arteries) and

high blood pressure. Both of these characteristics are found above normal in this community.

What can residents do to help change this statistic? Support this year's walk as a walker, volunteer, or sponsor so resources to educate community residents can support important research can continue.

Call Mrs. Sutterfield at 992-8162, or the American Heart Association at 1-800-242-8721 for more information about this walk or other local health activities.



Rod Ruby in concert

Canal Point United Methodist Church invites the Glades community to a Rod Ruby Concert this Sunday evening, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m.

Rev. Ruby has performed all over the United States and is known for his vibrant baritone voice. He is currently the pastor of Lake Harbor United Methodist Church, and a teacher at Glades Day School, in Belle Glade.

There will be a reception immediately following the concert in the Maxson Fellowship Hall. The Canal Point United Methodist Church is located on the corner of U.S. Hwy. 441 and Second Street in Canal Point.

Head Start program to start soon

Lutheran Ministries P.E.P.P.I. Head Start is accepting children ages three through five for the upcoming year.

Anyone interested in enter-

ing their child should contact Ms. Green or Ms. Williams at 996-1718. The program is operated by the Lutheran Ministries of Florida, a Human Service Agency of the Lutheran Churches of Florida. Children with disabilities are welcomed into the program.

The facility is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade.

Concert planned at Nazarene Church

The Ambassadors for Christ quartet, a newly-formed group from Okeechobee, will present a concert at the Pahokee Church of the Nazarene.

The concert is Sunday, Aug. 17, at 11 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. the group will sing again.

The community is invited to attend the services. For further information, call Pastor Dever at 924-7998 or 924-2587.

Telephone operators plan reunion

A reunion is planned for Southern Bell Telephone operators who previously worked in the Belle Glade office.

The reunion is planned for sometime in September. For more information, call 996-3663 or 996-4566.

Blood Bank schedule

The Palm Beach Blood Bank Bloodmobile is permanently

stationed in the Lake Okeechobee area to visit groups and organizations in Western Palm Beach County.

They will be at A Duda & Sons, Inc. on Duda Road, Belle Glade on Thursday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at Q.O. Chemicals in West Sugar House Road, Belle Glade, on Friday, Aug. 25 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. They will also be at the Palm Beach Engineering and Public Works, 580 South Market Road, Pahokee from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25.

Looking for classmates

Classmates of the Class of 1968, Lake Shore High School, are sought to help in preparations for the upcoming 30th reunion.

Monthly meetings are held at the homes of class members. The next scheduled meeting will be Aug. 19, at the home of Olive (Moochie) Hargrove, 1215 8th Avenue, South, Lake Worth. A car pool of those attending from the Glades will meet at the home of Austin and Lois Lewis, 612 S.W. 11th Street, Belle Glade at 6:30 p.m. that Saturday to travel to Lake Worth for the 8 p.m. meeting.

For more information, call Lois Lewis, 996-7010, Jackie Radcliffe, 996-6449, or Shirley Walker at 996-0816, evenings.

Pahokee Police Department's arrest blotter

The Pahokee Police Department listed the following arrests for the week of Aug. 6 through Aug. 12:

Aug. 6 - Brenda Adam Dile, 37, Pahokee, disorderly conduct; Willie Bowers, 55, Belle Glade, obstruction of justice.

Aug. 7 - Christy Bryant, 18, Pahokee, warrant for failure to comply with a court order; Lorraine Johnson, 28, Pahokee, felony theft; James Byrd, 37, Pahokee, domestic battery.

Aug. 8 - No arrests made.

Aug. 9 - No arrests made.

Aug. 10 - No arrests made.

Aug. 11 - Sterling Page, 19, Pahokee, battery on a police officer and opposing and obstructing justice; Kelvin Murry, 20, Pahokee, opposing and obstructing justice; Anilus Wells, 19, Pahokee, opposing and obstructing justice.

Aug. 12 - Derrick Bouie, 30, Pahokee, battery on a law enforcement officer and criminal mischief.

Important information on the salmonella outbreak in Palm Beach County

The salmonella outbreak continues to rise in numbers and is now affecting some people in Dade County. The Palm Beach County Medical Society joins the Palm Beach County Public Health Unit in educating the public about symptoms of salmonella and its treatment.

symptoms include diarrhea, fever, nausea and vomiting, and stomach cramps. Symptoms usually start within six to 72 hours after eating contaminated food.

Dehydration or loss of body fluids through diarrhea is dangerous, especially in infants and people with other medical problems. Immediate medical attention is needed in these cases.

Salmonella germs are in the stool of infected people and animals. Salmonella germs can be spread by:

- undercooked foods such as meat, chicken, turkey, sausage, and eggs
- raw, unpasteurized milk and milk products
- food that has not been kept at proper temperature (hot food at 148 degrees and cold

foods at 40 degrees)

- food or water contaminated by animal droppings or infected persons

- cross contamination between raw food and cooked foods

- kitchen utensils and counter tops contaminated by raw meats, poultry and eggs

- people infected with salmonella germs, including those with mild or no symptoms. (These people can carry the germ in their stool for weeks or months after their illness)

- people who do not wash their hands thoroughly after using the toilet or changing diapers

- people who do not clean under their fingernails

- animals infected with the salmonella germ, including dogs, cats, chicks, ducklings, and turtles

- Proper food handling, preparation and storage are the best preventive measures against salmonellosis. To prevent contamination:

- wash hands before preparing or serving foods

- wash hands after handling animals

- keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold

- keep food preparation area and kitchen utensils clean

- cook meat, eggs, chicken, turkey and sausage thoroughly

- protect cooked food from contamination by raw food during preparation and storage

- If you have symptoms of salmonellosis, contact your doctor. Rest and drinking fluids are recommended, but antibiotics are usually not recommended for routine cases.

- People with the infection are required to discuss their situation with the Palm Beach County Public Health unit by calling 996-1600. This must be done prior to working as a food handler or in providing personal care (i.e., employees at day care centers, nursing homes, hospitals).

- Physicians requiring additional information on treatment or reporting to the Public Health Unit are asked to contact Dr. Jean Malecki, Director of the Palm Beach County Health Unit.

School registration to begin at Lake Shore Middle

Registration for new students who will be attending Lake Shore Middle School this fall will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the media center at the south campus.

Fifth grade students' who attended Rosenwald Elementary, Gove Elementary, Belle Glade Elementary and Gladeview Elementary will not need

to register at this time.

All sixth grade students who will be attending Lake Shore Middle School must present proof of immunization in order to be admitted to school.

All sixth grade students must also have a physical examination including a tuberculosis test at least 12 months prior to the first day of school (Aug. 23).

TB test results must indicate the results on the physical examination form.

For more information, call Vice Principal Helen R. Rutledge at 996-4964, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Returning or new students at other schools should call the school for times and registration information.

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Mr. Wilson

Wege and Frances Broyles, both of Nashville, and Betty Bunge of Columbia, South Carolina; grandchildren Beth and Thomas Barfield of LaBelle, Clay and Kim Browning of Moore Haven, and Wendy Wilson of Parrish; brothers-in-law Dan Padgett of Hamilton, Ohio and John Padgett of West Palm Beach; sisters-in-law Adaline Bruckey, Lillian Padgett, Lily Day, and Alice Spomer, all of Pahokee; several nieces and nephews also survive.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday, Aug. 12, 1995 at 10 a.m. at the graveside in Port Mayaca Cemetery, Port Mayaca. Members of Pahokee Lodge No. 1638 conducted an Elks Service.

Funeral services were Frank Gillis, George Towell, Dennis Taylor, Dennis Hodges, Dennis Maynard, and Larry Hyslop.

The James A. Bennett Funeral Home in Pahokee was in charge of arrangements.

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Aug. 11 - Albert Lee Miller, 43, trespassing; Maria Romero, domestic battery; Juvenile, 12, retail theft; Juvenile, 16, aggravated

assault; Lewis Hegg, 48, possession narcotic paraphernalia; Alonzo Bobby Hill, 25, disorderly conduct and trespassing. Aug. 12 - Maurice Pittman, 24, throwing a deadly missile at a vehicle and domestic battery; Luciano Ordonez, 46, aggravated domestic assault. Aug. 13 - Bernard Robinson, 41, failure to appear; Juvenile, 8, burglary; Juvenile, 9, burglary; Juvenile, 9, burglary; Alfonso White, 21, failure to appear on charges of

driving with a suspended driver's license; Darren Hatcher, 25, armed robbery.

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OPINION PAGE

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Music too loud

I know you can't give the names of businesses in **Speak Out** so I will be very non-specific.

I recently went to a local restaurant to have a business luncheon with someone. The music in this restaurant was so loud we had to practically shout to hear each other.

I asked to speak to the manager and asked if she could turn it down some and she said okay, but she didn't seem too happy about it.

She turned it down so slightly that I could hardly tell she had touched it.

I don't know if this bothers other customers, but I'll tell you, I won't be going back unless something changes. I hope this business recognizes who they are and makes some changes. It's a nice place to eat, but no one should be bombarded with loud music when they are trying to eat and hold a conversation.

Thank you for allowing me to **Speak Out**.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I recently had an opportunity to observe and talk with a group of young boys assigned to a full time discipline class. It was obvious that they had no guiding principles to lead them through their tormented lives.

We all need guiding principles. They are the foundation of productive lives and a tool for individuals to reach their full potential.

In our schools today, there is confusion as to what kinds of things are likely to be considered inappropriate because there are no guiding principles effectively communicated.

We honor our mothers who typically are looked to as the one who instills principles in us. We allow our children to make Mother's Day cards in school and carry them home. Consider our troubled children. Maybe some of our mothers need help.

I would like to recommend that we celebrate

Ten Commandments Day on Sept. 15. This is early in the traditional school year. Children can make cards and take them home to their families as they do with Mother's Day cards. These cards can be the posted reminders of guiding principles that the children can adopt, not only in school, but at home as well.

These principles have been embraced by Jewish, Moslem and Christian communities for centuries.

What is politically incorrect about honoring your mother and father? What is politically incorrect about not stealing? What is politically incorrect about not killing one another? What is politically incorrect about not lying? Need I say more?

Sincerely,
John G. Slappey
Investor

An open letter to the citizens from the Mayor of the City of Belle Glade

When the qualifying period for the Belle Glade City election closed at 5 p.m. last Friday, no other candidates other than the incumbents had filed for any of the three seats up for election. This fact could be seen as an overwhelming vote of confidence for Commissioners Crate P. "Happy" Tucker, Rodney Clay Connell, and myself.

While I thank residents for this vote of confidence and trust, I think it might indicate possible voter apathy. I fear that some people may not want to get involved because they feel that they do not have a voice in government, and that nothing they do will make a difference. Many feel that county, state and federal governments dictate and mandate the City's course, and we as commissioners can only react as the strings that are being pulled. I hope this is not the case.

I pray that we have more control over our destiny and that we can work together to continue to guide our City in a positive direction. Each of the Commissioners takes his/her position very

seriously and tries to provide the best possible leadership. Facing us are many areas of concern that will need to be addressed in the near future such as the water and wastewater distribution system, stormwater drainage, deepwell injection project, and economic development.

With this in mind, the City is working with the Business Development Board to attract industry to the Glades that will employ the existing labor force. The establishment of a business park in Belle Glade will go a long way in providing a base for new development. In addition, many individuals are assisting City leaders in enhancing tourism on Lake Okeechobee, one of our largest resources.

I urge all residents to continue working with the City Commission by providing ideas and suggestions so that we can make the decisions that reflect the desires of the entire community.

J. Stephen Weeks
City of Belle Glade Mayor



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Senator Tom Rossin

receives its value from an underlying financial instrument, such as a stock or bond, a commodity or an index representing values or groups of such instruments or assets.

Currently under Florida law, state and local governments are given considerable freedom and independence in the administration of collected revenues, with separate statutory provisions authorizing investment policies for each unit of government.

Counties, cities, school boards and special taxing districts are not required to have separate investment plans. Policy allows public funds to be invested in risky derivatives and other investments that fail the Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council test, without any ramifications.

Under my legislation effective Oct. 1, units of local governments must develop an investment policy for funds not subject to bond covenant, trust or pension payments. (For clarification, "unit of local government" means any government entity within the state that is not part of state government such as a county, municipality, school district, etc.)

Local government must satisfy the main objectives; to place the highest priority on the safety of principal and liquidity of funds.

Investments are required to be made using judgment and

care. But, at the same time, the probable safety as well as the probable income to be derived from the investment must be considered. To put it simply, public investments should be managed as one manages his or her own affairs.

An important part of this whole concept is the internal controls and operational procedures that are mandated by this law.

The chief financial officer will now be required to establish a system of internal controls that is designed to prevent loss of funds arising from fraud, error, misrepresentation or imprudent actions by government employees.

In addition, periodic reports that list acquired securities, book value, income earned and market values must be prepared and shall be available to the public.

By pushing this public investment policy into place, we have taken a big step toward making sure that your tax dollars will be available to fund necessary government services, when needed.

Sound, thoughtful financial planning is the best way to reach that goal.

Sen. Tom Rossin, District 35, West Palm Beach, represents all or part of Palm Beach, Lee, Glades, Charlotte, Martin, and Okeechobee counties.

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Stephenson also goes by the names of Harold Brown and Ricky Harris. His last known address was 1234 27th Street, Riviera Beach. His birth date is listed as January 17, 1953.

He is 5'11" and weighs 145 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and he has a scar on his right hand and a

tattoo on his right shoulder. His Social Security number is 264-13-7004. His last occupation was as a printer. His warrant was active as of Aug. 15, 1995. If you know the whereabouts of Stephenson anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers, 1-800-458-8477.

You do not have to give your name. Remain anonymous and receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of stolen property.

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Agricultural land values continue declining trend in South Florida

Agricultural land values continued a substantial downward trend in Florida's southern regions while northern areas showed a slight increase in value, according to a recent statewide survey conducted at the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The largest changes in agricultural land values occurred in the southern and central regions where reduction estimates ranged from 7 percent to more than 20 percent, said John Reynolds, a UF food and resource economics professor who conducts the annual Florida Land Value Survey.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Florida Land Value Survey showed a decline in citrus land values. Orange grove values decreased about 7 percent in the south and central regions, while the value of grapefruit groves declined more than 20

percent in the south and about 13 percent in the central area.

"Citrus land values in south and central Florida peaked around 1990 and have shown a substantial decline since then," Reynolds said. "Lower land prices and the lack of demand for citrus groves ties into declining values for crop and pasture lands in those areas as well."

The survey showed the value of cropland increased from 3 to 10 percent in the northeast and northwest regions, but declined 7 to 10 percent in both central and south Florida. The value of pasture land also increased in the northern regions and declined in the southern areas. The value of farm woods in the northern regions declined slightly.

"A large supply relative to demand caused low citrus prices in the 1990's," Reynolds said. "Estimates of the land

values are based both on sales of comparable tracts and on expectations of the income a producer can make off that land."

Since 1988, rural real estate appraiser Juliana Young of Armfield-Wagner Appraisal in Vero Beach has evaluated the survey's trends in the south-eastern areas of Florida, particularly citrus-related properties and cattle production land. Young said the results show a continuing decline in values for pasture and citrus production property in South and Central Florida.

"This year's trends are following income capabilities of the citrus industry over the past several years," Young said. "This downward trend will most likely remain until strengthening in income returns to growers are realized."

Young said the downward

trend impacts the underlying land values when there is no pressure to develop land for more intensive citrus production under the potential for current income. A decline in income potential over the past three years has resulted from increased production, limited growth of consumption and perceived over-production that allows the industry to be at the mercy of retailers.

"So far there has been little relief passed on to the consumers from declining agricultural income to the farmers," Young said. "And with declining income potential, taxes have also declined, causing the county tax base to drop and thus impacting all taxpayers to make up the difference. This is especially impacts rural counties."

The real estate market, particularly citrus production properties, is in a state of fluctuation and market sales are limited at this time. Limited activity of any land sales, except for distressed properties, is expected until stronger income returns are seen by producers, Young said.

"The survey provides another depressing indicator, validating the continuation of a depressed market for farmers and producers," Young said. "In my estimation, the results of the survey are best utilized in studying trends of the market."

For the survey, the state was divided into south, central, northeast regions based upon agricultural production. The survey questionnaire was designed to obtain estimates of the market value of different types of land for May 1995.

Reynolds said about 287 people responded to the survey, including rural appraisers, farm lenders, real estate brokers, farm managers, land investors, county extension agents and other persons who develop and maintain information about rural land values in their areas.

Thompson joins Delayed Enlistment Program

Lee E. Thompson has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program.

The Delayed Enlistment Program gives young men or women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

Thompson, a 1986 graduate of Pahokee Junior / Senior High School, will report to Fort Benning, Georgia, for military

basic training on August 24, 1995. After basic training, he will begin advanced training in the infantry.

He enlisted to serve his country and to meet the mental and physical challenges of the Army. Thompson will receive \$6,000 in an enlistment bonus.

His mother, Doris Thompson, resides in Pahokee. Thompson's wife, Bonnie, is the daughter of Larry Henke of Melbourne.

Dufour half-way through six-month overseas deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian D. Dufour, son of Maurice G. and Estelle A. Dufour of 1701 Bar Harbor Drive, Fort Pierce, is currently halfway through a six-month overseas deployment with Strike Fighter Squadron 94 aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, which has included duty near Iraq in the Persian Gulf.

Dufour is one of 5,000 Sailors and Marines who departed Naval Air Station Alameda, California, in early April for the voyage to the western Pacific and Indian oceans and Persian Gulf. So far, Dufour has traveled nearly 28,000 miles in the first three months.

Dufour's squadron is part of a seven-ship battle group which includes more than 80 tactical aircraft, and ships and submarines armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles. The battle group has the flexibility to

deploy to separate geographic regions and can travel nearly 700 miles a day. During much of the deployment, Dufour and fellow battle group Sailors and Marines are assigned to the new U.S. Fifth Fleet, which is responsible for all U.S. naval operations from the Suez Canal to India, and as far south as Kenya.

Dufour's squadron, homeported at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, flies the F/A-18C Hornet, a twin-engine supersonic strike fighter capable of providing protection against enemy aircraft, delivering ordnance on targets ashore and at sea, and providing close air support for troops on the ground. Dufour's squadron also received the Battle "E" award for efficiency.

Dufour has been supporting the ongoing effort to enforce the no-fly zone over South Iraq.

Aircraft from DuFour's squadron along with other squadrons have flown more than 800 missions over southern Iraq. In fact, USS Abraham Lincoln and its eight aircraft squadrons have conducted more than 3,800 aircraft launches and recoveries — half of them during the night. DuFour's unit also has been working in support of the ongoing maritime interception operations designed to prevent ships from smuggling prohibited materials to and from Iraq.

While most of the deployment has been at sea, DuFour also has had an opportunity to visit Hong Kong, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates. Not only did DuFour and fellow crew

members go ashore to relax by taking tours and sightseeing, but more than 1,200 local people toured USS Abraham Lincoln during the port visits.

Dufour is now authorized to wear the Southwest Asia Service Medal for serving in the busy Persian Gulf area. DuFour's involvement in the deployment is an example of how Sailors and Marines are serving aboard aircraft carriers, ships, submarines, squadrons and shore stations around the world in support of U.S. interests.

The 1978 graduate of Miami Carol City Senior High School of Carol City, joined the Navy in April 1992.

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by Richard J. Gordon,
Chairman, Televisors Industry Association

(NAPS)—When Abraham Lincoln was President there were no telegraph machines in the White House. To receive reports from his generals on Civil War battle-

fields, the President had to walk to the building next door. That building housed the federal government's only telegraph equip-

ment, equipment already commonplace to the railroads and a good many private businesses.

Until Herbert Hoover was President, the Oval Office did not have a telephone. By the time there was one on the President's desk, millions already were in heavy use by businesses and private citizens.

American businessmen have long been ahead of their governments in accepting, developing and using the latest technology.

Today, audiotext, already a four-billion-dollar business in the private sector, finally is getting attention in the public sector.

Both state and federal government agencies, such as the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, are taking advantage of pay-per-call.

At the Office of Planning and Building in Sacramento, California, citizens can telephone a 900 number, request information by punching in their fax number, and receive copies of requested documents in about the time it will take the reader to finish this article.

Moreover, to provide information on over one million corporations, New York's Department of State operates a 900 number that costs a caller \$4.00 per call. This "televiceline" keeps seven people busy answering more than 500 calls



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per day. What once cost the State \$250,000 yearly to answer telephone inquiries, now is a faster service whose users bear the cost.

To appreciate the value of tele-services, one only has to visit his local Department of Motor Vehicles, Post Office or wait in line or on hold for the next available customer service representative. To all for whom time is money, pay-per-call to access government is an attractive and economical option.

It is not a new idea that those most benefiting from government services should pay a charge. For nearly forty years, gasoline taxes and license fees have, in whole or in part, financed state and federal highway systems.

Why do trucks pay higher fees than automobiles? Everyone seems to accept the logic of the answer: they use the highways more and wear them out faster.

It is difficult to determine why it has taken so long for government to serve its "customers" with efficient pay-per-call applications.

Perhaps citizens had become too accustomed to free access, free information and even free publi-

cations from their governments.

Ironically, we have come to accept that banks and other businesses bill for a myriad of services which were once free-of-charge. Customers now accept that service, and more specifically "fast" and "express" services, have monetary value.

The Contract with America, passed by the new majority in Congress, cuts the cost of government by reducing services. Deferring costs by requiring users to pay for "instant" services may be the only way for some government agencies to justify their continuance.

Another boost to government lethargy has been the bad rap given the 900 industry through its early and nearly-exclusive use as an adult service.

Because of the industry's own determined efforts to protect its services from improper and illegal usage, adult services using 900 numbers virtually have disappeared. Most applications that utilize a 900 number now fall under the category of Business-to-Business Telecommunications.

Today, every touch-tone telephone is a miniature market. With access to 800 and 900 numbers, callers can order merchandise, obtain personal bank balances, have their voices heard or their votes tallied, and be talked through astonishingly complete menus for ordering an amazing array of goods and services.

Once again, the private sector has embraced a new technology, enhanced it with countless unique and practical innovations, significantly improved lives and created profits.

Now it is past time for government to assess its own timid samplings, to observe the widespread public uses and applications, and to bring to citizens and taxpayers the efficiencies and economies of broader use of pay-per-call services.



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Congressman Alcee Hastings was in the Glades Tuesday. He visited with the staff at Glades General Hospital. Shown, from left, is hospital administrator Neil Whipkey, board member Iris Tanner, and Congressman Hastings.

Three Belle Glade City Commissioners to serve another two year term

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Congratulations were shared by three Belle Glade commissioners Monday night as they commented on the news that they have drawn no competition for their seats on the commission.

No one filed by the deadline Friday to run against commissioners Rodney "Clay" Connell, Crate "Happy" Tucker, and Mayor Steve Weeks. All three will be sworn in next month for another two year term.

During the regular Monday night commission meeting, the commission asked Attorney John Baker to draft an ordinance to increase the water rates for residents in the city. If the ordinance passes, residents will pay slightly higher bills.

The rate increase is necessary, says City Manager Lomax Harrelle because Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida plans to reduce their consumption by 90 percent in November of this year. Revenue from the Cooperative for fiscal year 1994 was \$512,000. The city projects the adjusted annual revenue

will be substantially reduced.

"Without this rate increase, the city will have a \$460,000 shortfall," said City Manager Lomax Harrelle.

Finance Director Dave Wood also suggested the commission change the billing system for water/sewer bills to include a \$5 late fee for those who do not pay their bills within 30 days. He said some customers only pay their bill every two months with no penalty, causing the city to lose money. "There's a 1/2 million dollars out there that we could be earning interest on," he told the commission.

The commission agreed to add this into the ordinance proposal.

In other business, the commission:

- Agreed to install two street lights on S.W. Ave. G Place.

- Purchased nine computer programs for the police department for \$2,211.39 from the police departments Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

- Authorized the finance director to request proposals for hauling Class B Bio-Solids from the Wastewater Treatment

Plant.

- Approved the use of the loading ramp in Belle Glade for an event called "Wellness Day". The Wellness Day is planned for Oct. 27 from noon to 6 p.m. There will be prevention exhibits, health screenings, games and refreshments. The loading ramp is in the 300 block of S.W. 5th Street.

- Appointed Alphonzo Powell to the Citizen Planning Advisory Committee and re-appointed Barbara Dean, Annie P. Hill, Morales St. Hilaire, and Lester Mosley for another term of office.

- Approved the appointment of C. Curtis Stambaugh to be the representative on the Police Pension Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Clarence Throop.

- Agreed to purchase an "E-Z Pack" 34-cubic yard body for a garbage truck at a cost of \$50,000.

- The mayor proclaimed Oct. 29 as AIDS Walk for Life Day in the City of Belle Glade and also proclaimed Aug. 14-18 as "Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Week."

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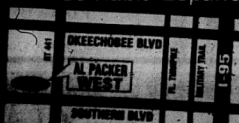
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